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Arkansas and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, made his comments on a television program Sunday.

Official government sources said such a proposal would have to be rejected as "completely unrealistic, both morally and politically."

Most West German newspapers joined in the attacks on the Senator.

Senator's Remarks on TV

Senator Fulbright was asked during the television interview whether he would "be willing to accept any concession on the part of the West which closed West Berlin as an escape hatch for refugees in any way."

"I think that that might certainly be a negotiable point," he replied. "The truth of the matter is, I think, the Russians have the power to close it in any case. I mean you are not giving up very much because I believe that next week if they chose to close their borders they could" without violating any treaty.

"I don't understand why the East Germans don't close their border because I think they have a right to close it. So why is this a great concession? You don't have that right now."

Fulbright Is Criticized

Special to The New York Times.

BONN, Germany, Aug. 2—

Senator J. W. Fulbright of the United States was strongly attacked here today for his proposal that the West offer "concessions" to the Soviet Union that would lock the escape gates in West Berlin to East Germans.

The Senator, a Democrat of